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To Activate, Please Call: 1-855-545-1944 Or Visit: https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com Membership Number: << Membership Number s\_n>>

#### **Re:** Notice of Data Breach

Dear << first name>> << middle name>> << last name>> << suffix>>,

This letter is to notify you that Abode Services was the victim of a data security incident that might have resulted in unauthorized access to some of your personal information. Abode Services takes the privacy and protection of your personal information very seriously. Abode Services regrets any inconvenience this may cause. This letter contains information about what happened, steps Abode Services has taken, and resources Abode Services is making available to you to help protect your identity.

# What Happened:

Between March 16, 2021 and April 15, 2021, an unauthorized third party intermittently accessed the email accounts of certain Abode Services employees. Upon discovery of this incident, Abode Services promptly engaged a specialized cybersecurity firm to conduct a forensics investigation to determine the nature and scope of the incident. The forensic investigation was completed on April 30, 2021. The investigation confirmed that the unauthorized party may have accessed Abode clients' personal information. Thereafter, Abode promptly began a thorough internal review to identify potentially impacted individuals whose information may have been exposed during the period of unauthorized access. This internal investigation concluded on July 29, 2021, and it was necessary in order to identify the individuals whose information may have been impacted by the incident. While Abode has no reason to believe that your personal information has been misused by any third parties, Abode notified you out of an abundance of caution.

#### What Information Was Involved:

Thus far, based on the investigation, it appears the exposed information may include Abode clients' information contained in the email accounts of certain Abode employees, including Abode clients' names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, medical information, insurance information, as well as the name of the programs that clients participated in, amount paid for the medical care received, rent subsidies, and copies of the rent checks. At this time, Abode Services has no reason to believe your personal information has been misused by any third parties, but out of an abundance of caution, Abode Services wanted to inform you of this incident.

# What We Are Doing:

Upon discovery of this incident, Abode Services immediately changed all computer passwords and improved our computer security settings by enabling of a two-factor authentication for our emails. Moreover, Abode Services promptly filed a report with the FBI. At this time, Abode Services is not aware of your information being used in an unauthorized manner, but out of an abundance of caution, Abode Services wanted to make you aware of this matter and offer resources to help you protect your information.

## What You Can Do:

Further, Abode Services has arranged for Kroll to provide identity monitoring at no cost to you for one year. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

Visit https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until November 8, 2021 to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: << Membership Number s\_n>>

Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

# **More Information:**

Abode Services sincerely regret any inconvenience that this incident may cause you and remains dedicated to protecting your personal information. Should you have any questions or concerns about this incident, please contact 1-855-545-1944, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, excluding some U.S. holidays, for more information.

Sincerely,

J Reiber

John Reiber, Chief Financial Officer For Abode Services

## **Additional Important Information**

For residents of *Hawaii*, *Michigan*, *Missouri*, *Virginia*, *Vermont*, and *North Carolina*: It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

For residents of *Illinois*, *Iowa*, *Maryland*, *Missouri*, *North Carolina*, *Oregon*, and *West Virginia*: It is required by state laws to inform you that you may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <a href="https://www.consumer.ttc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports">https://www.consumer.ttc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports</a>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

For residents of lowa: State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

**For residents of** Oregon: State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

<u>For residents of Maryland, Rhode Island, Illinois, New York, and North Carolina:</u> You can obtain information from the Maryland and North Carolina Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

**Maryland Office of the Attorney General** Consumer Protection Division 200, St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 <a href="https://www.oag.state.md.us">www.oag.state.md.us</a>

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection 150 South Main Street, Providence RI 02903 1-401-274-4400 www.riag.ri.gov

North Carolina Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 1-877-566-7226 www.ncdoj.com

**Federal Trade Commission** Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) <a href="https://www.ftc.gov/idtheft">www.ftc.gov/idtheft</a>

**New York Office of Attorney General** Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol Albany, NY 12224 1-800-771-7755 <a href="https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft">https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft</a>

<u>For residents of Massachusetts:</u> It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

#### For residents of all states:

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with Equifax (<a href="https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\_Alert\_Request\_Form.pdf">https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\_Alert\_Request\_Form.pdf</a>); TransUnion (<a href="https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts">https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts</a>); or Experian (<a href="https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html">https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html</a>). A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at the bottom of this page.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

Security Freeze: You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
<a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/800-525-6285">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/800-525-6285</a>

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com/freeze 888-397-3742 TransUnion (FVAD)
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022
freeze.transunion.com
800-680-7289

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.



# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

### **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring**

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

#### **Fraud Consultation**

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

## **Identity Theft Restoration**

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.